

House Resolution No. 1776

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives were truly saddened by the death of long-time Saint Louis resident William F. Gill, on March 25, 2008, at the age of eighty-five; and

Whereas, born on September 1, 1922, into the family of Alzono and Flossie Ellis Gill of Trenton, Tennessee, William Gill had four brothers, Alzono, Harold, Donald, and Derrick, and three sisters, Comilla Chavis, Vivian Hill, and Doris Quarles; and

Whereas, William Gill married the former Ruth Phillips to establish a family of his own that would grow to include two sons, Will Gill, Jr., and Robert Gill, and one daughter, Betty Phillips; and

Whereas, William Gill subsequently married Bessie Gill and was blessed with four sons, Harold Curry, Edward Harrison, Frank Sims, and Kenneth Sims, and two daughters, Robena Harvin and Yvonne Harrison; and

Whereas, known for his mastery in the visual arts, William Gill exhibited his work in many art shows and government centers; and

Whereas, William Gill was employed by the United States Postal Service, from which he retired as the Missouri Unknown clerk; and

Whereas, William Gill is survived by his children, Robert and June Gill, Harold Curry, Frank Sims, Edward Harrison, Betty Phillips, Robena and Charlie Harvin, and Yvonne Harrison; siblings Alzono Gill, Harold Gill, Donald and Barbara Gill, Vivian Hill, and Doris Quarles; daughters-in-law, Louise Gill, June Gill, and Bessie Gill; thirty-five grandchildren; forty-three great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and his good friend, Bobbie Hill, and her son, James D. Hill; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse legislative actions in order to acknowledge the passing away of such outstanding Missouri residents as William Gill:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to memorialize the life and work of William Gill and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt condolences to his family members, colleagues, friends, and neighbors who now miss his considerable warmth, strength, and light in their daily lives; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in memory of William F. Gill of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Connie L. Johnson
District No. 61

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1776, adopted April 14, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker